

SC paves way for criminal proceedings against Rajinikanth's wife, quashes HC verdict

NEW DELHI, JULY 10 /- /- The Supreme Court today paved the way for criminal proceedings against superstar Rajinikanth's wife Latha Rajinikanth on a complaint by an advertising agency, by setting aside a Karnataka High Court order quashing the process.

The agency had lodged in its private complaint that they had ventured in the post-production of the 2014 film 'Kochadaiyanan', which was produced by Mediotion Global Entertainment Ltd, on Latha's personal guarantee and had funded Rs 10 crore for it. She was a director of the production company. A bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi said the high court was "not justified" in quashing the proceedings against Latha, which were initiated following a trial court's order on the complaint by the advertising agency, Ad Bureau Advertising Pvt Ltd. "This is a case which should have gone for trial. You (Latha) can apply for discharge at an appropriate stage," the bench, also comprising Justices R Banumathi and Navin Sinha, said.

The court's order came on a plea filed by the advertising agency against the March 10, 2016 order of the Karnataka High Court quashing the proceedings against Latha. The advertising agency had claimed that Mediotion Global Entertainment Ltd was required to refund Rs 10 crore plus Rs 1.2 crore being the "guaranteed profit", but the amount was not refunded. During the hearing today, Latha's counsel told the bench that they had argued before the high court about a "reach of agreement" by the agency since they had agreed to pay Rs 20 crore to Mediotion Global Entertainment Ltd but later paid only Rs 10 crore. "Just because they (agency) did not give you Rs 20 crore, will you retain whatever they had given you?" the bench asked.

At the outset, the counsel for the agency told the bench that Latha had not paid the money to them as per the undertaking given by her in the apex court earlier. To this, the bench said: "We have closed that chapter. We will now decide it on merits. You tell us what was the complaint and on what grounds the high court had quashed it." The advertising agency's counsel read out the order of the high court and said the proceedings were quashed on the ground that the dispute was of "civil nature". The bench, while setting aside the high court's order, told Latha's counsel that under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrP), there were different stages in a matter and she has the right to approach the court for appropriate remedy. On July 3, the apex court had pulled up Latha for not complying with her undertaking given before the court to pay Rs 6.2 crore to the advertising agency, Mediotion Global Entertainment Ltd had earlier denied liability on its part and Latha had denied the undertaking given by her counsel in the court was without instructions.

Heavy rains lash Mumbai; hit Local train services, dabbawalas suspend work

NDRF begins rescue operations in Vasai; Govt closely monitoring situation, says Fadnavis

MUMBAI, JULY 10 /- /- Suburban train services of the Western Railways were suspended today after heavy rains lashed the metropolis through the night, an official said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy to very heavy rain till Thursday. "Since last night, over 200 mm rainfall has been recorded. This has led to water logging on railway tracks and keeping in view passengers' safety, train services have been stopped till the water level on the tracks recede," the railway official said. Train services between Churchgate and Borivili were, however, normal. He said that pumps are being used to drain out water from tracks.

Local train services of the Central Railway (CR) were not affected despite the heavy rain. Trains are running normally on the main, harbour and trans-harbour lines, the CR said. It also tweeted that its passengers for offering their gratitude.

"We received innumerable messages and tweets yesterday from you all bestowing accolades on us that despite heavy torrential rains for the past 72 hrs, we provided uninterrupted services. We thank you all for the faith, confidence and immense support



A local train passing through the flooded tracks after heavy rain in Mumbai on Monday.

shown by each one of you," it tweeted with a video attachment.

Mumbai's dabbawalas have also suspended their services today. "We did not collect tiffins today because of the water logging across the city. Our people find it hard to wade through knee-deep water on their cycles," Mumbai Dabbawalas Association's spokesperson Subhash Talekar said. Maharashtra

chief minister Devendra Fadnavis today said Maharashtra government is keeping a close watch on the situation in Mumbai and its neighbouring areas, especially in Palghar district, following heavy rains.

Palghar district has received unprecedented rainfall, he said in the Legislative Assembly here. The chief minister said in

Mumbai, waterlogging has been reported from 11 places and traffic diverted in three areas. Due to waterlogging in the Vasai-Virar area, the suburban western railway line has been affected, Fadnavis said. Currently, there is a high tide (off the coast of Mumbai), the chief minister said, adding that suction pumps are functioning at full capacity.

UP DGP rules out lapse in security provided by police to Bajrangji

LUCKNOW, JULY 10 /- /- A day after Munna Bajrangji was shot dead allegedly by another gangster inside a jail in Bagpat, Uttar Pradesh DGP O P Singh today said there was no lapse on part of the police force in providing security to the mafia don.

Talking to newsmen here, he said adequate security was provided to Bajrangji while transferring him from Jhansi jail to Bagpat, and that the transit time between the two locations was nearly 12 hours. "There was no laxity on part of the UP Police in providing security to Bajrangji," Singh said. Mafia don Prem Prakash Singh, alias Munna Bajrangji, was shot dead, hours before he was to be produced in a local court in a case of extorting money from a former BSP legislator, police said. The UP DGP said a judicial probe was on in the matter and the guilty would not be spared. Bajrangji was reportedly killed by Sunil Rath, who is lodged in Bagpat jail since July 31 last year, officials said.

On media reports claiming that Rath killed the mafia don for calling him 'chubby', Principal Secretary (Home) Arvind Kumar said, "A number of versions have come out...magisterial and judicial probe is on. It will come in the probe report". Also commenting on a couple of photographs showing Bajrangji being

shot on his head and then on his chest, the official said, "It has come to my notice. It will be included in the probe". The photographs have since gone viral on social media. The principal secretary added that the government was also looking into an application submitted by Bajrangji's wife accusing former MP Dhyanraj Singh, gangster Pradeep Kumar Singh and some others of conspiring to kill her husband. "An application was given. We will look into it," he said. Meanwhile, former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav today slammed the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government on "lack of law and order in the state."

"In present day Uttar Pradesh, there is no law and order, just an atmosphere of panic. The perpetrators have become so confident that they have murdered someone in prison. These are the government's failures. The people of the state are very scared. The state has never seen such misrule and chaos before," he tweeted in Hindi. Uttar Pradesh government spokesperson and senior cabinet minister Sidharth Nath Singh, however, refuted the charges, saying law and order was "definitely better" compared to the SP regime in the state, and that police were hot on the

heels of criminals across the state.

Meanwhile, a senior police officer today said that killing of gangster Munna Bajrangji was not an isolated case, with quite a few cases being reported in the state in the last year. Anurag Tripathi alias Annu, said to be close to a sharpshooter of the Munna Bajrangji gang, was shot at inside Varanasi jail by another murder accused Santosh Gupta on May 13, 2015.

In this case, the firearm was smuggled inside the prison in the body of an air cooler to avoid metal detectors, a senior police officer said. Annu had killed a local corporator in Varanasi Banshi Yadav, who was lodged in the jail on March 2, 2004, after he was called at the jail entrance gate on the pretext of meeting a visitor.

On June 22, 2011, YC Sachan, a key accused in the NRIHM case, was found dead inside the Lucknow jail. His body was found in a jail toilet in a sitting position with nine injuries caused by shaving blade. His leather belt was found tied around his neck with its other end tied to window grill. After the killing of 51-year-old Bajrangji inside Bagpat jail on Monday, the security of state prisons has again come under scanner. He was listed as an accused in 40 criminal cases, including those of murder and extortion.

Yet another Kerala priest booked over rape charge

Delhi archdiocese rejects claims by Kerala nun's family

KAYAMKULAM, JULY 10 /- /- A case of alleged rape has been filed against yet another priest of a church in Kerala, where a string of clergymen are facing accusations of sexual misconduct, police said today.

Binu George, a priest of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, was alleged to have raped the parishioner in Alappuzha district four years ago. He is currently serving at a church under the diocese at Koyalkkanna. The victim woman has claimed the priest sexually assaulted her at the office of the church when she approached him for help to settle some family dispute in 2014. In her complaint to the police, the woman said she had informed the church authorities about the incident soon thereafter, and was promised she would not face any harassment from him in the future. However, when the priest continued to torment her and spread "baseless gossip," she decided to take legal recourse, police said.

In a major embarrassment for the clergy, a man from Pathanamthitta district had last month accused five priests of Malankara Orthodox Church in the state of using his wife's secret confession to blackmail and sexually exploit her. The alleged sexual abuse by the priests came to light after an audio clip of the victim's husband's purported conversation with a church official claiming rape of his wife by the clergymen was widely circulated on social media. The crime branch of the state police recently registered an FIR and slapped rape charges against four of the five priests after recording the woman's statement. Days later, the Catholic church in Koyalkkanna. The victim woman has claimed Bishop Franco Mulakkal, the head of the Latin diocese of Jalandhar, of raising a hue and cry with the Kuravilangad police. Meanwhile, the Delhi archdiocese has rejected the claims by family of a Kerala nun that she had informed Archbishop Anil Couto about her alleged abuse by a bishop of Kerala's diocese. "I do not know anything about it and the archbishop also does not know anything," Susai Sebastian, vicar general of the archdiocese of Delhi, said. According to media reports, kin of the nun claimed that she had told Delhi Archbishop Anil Couto regarding the alleged abuse during his Kerala visit in May this year. Jalandhar diocese falls under Delhi archdiocese.

Goa PWD minister Sudin Dhavalikar undergoes surgery

PANAJI, JULY 10 /- /- Goa public works department minister Sudin Dhavalikar has been admitted to a hospital in Mumbai where he has undergone a surgery, a family member said today, but refused to specify his illness.

Dhavalikar, 61, was admitted to the private hospital in Mumbai on Monday. "The minister has undergone a surgery and is recovering well. All are sincerely requested not to speculate about his health," his brother Sandeep Madhav Dhavalikar said in a statement issued here. "We are sure that the blessing of Goa people are with him. He is expected to be back to work in a few days," the release said. Sudin Dhavalikar is a member of Maharashtra's Maharashtra Gomantak Party is a constituent of the BJP-led coalition government in Goa. He is the senior-most minister in the government, and was a member of the Cabinet Advisory Committee set up by Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar before he had left for USA in March for a health treatment. He is the second minister from the

State Notes

Girl gangraped

HOSHARPUR, JULY 10 /- /- A five-year-old girl, daughter of a migrant labourer, was brutally raped by unidentified men in Dasuya town in this district, police said today. The girl was admitted to the Civil Hospital, Dasuya from where she was referred to PGIMER, Chandigarh, in a critical condition after the incident on Monday night, they said. Police said the girl went missing from her house last night at about 10.30 pm when there was a power shutdown in the area. The family members lodged a missing report with the Dasuya police station late on Monday night.

Man wanted in killing of Delhi SI arrested in UP

MUZAFFARNAGAR, JULY 10 /- /- A man, wanted in the killing of a Delhi Police sub-inspector (SI), was arrested from Masura village in Shamli district, police said today. The SI, who was killed in a case of several cases, including murder, superintendent of police, Shamli, Dinesh Kumar said. He was arrested on Monday evening during a checking drive near the Masura bridge, the officer said. The Delhi Police officer was killed in May after he tried to stop a robbery drive in Hapur, the SP said.

Plane overshoots runway

MUMBAI, JULY 10 /- /- A major mishap was averted today after an Air India Express aircraft overshoot the runway while landing at the Mumbai airport amid heavy rains. However, all passengers were safe and there was no damage to either the aircraft or the runway, the airline said in a statement. At around 14:50 hours, Air India Express flight IX213 from Vijayawada to Mumbai while landing on alternate runway 14 due to closure of main runway 27, stepped 10 feet beyond the runway end on the paved stopway, the statement said.



A glorious view of world famous Dal Lake as tourists resting in their Shikaras near a floating garden in Srinagar on Tuesday.

J&K cops' tales of honesty leaves internet buzzing

SRINAGAR, JULY 10 /- /- The internet here has been buzzing with tales of honesty of Jammu and Kashmir policemen after a special police officer and a constable returned two lost bags with huge cash to their rightful owners.

Special police officer Umar Mushtaq, who works for a meagre salary of Rs 6,000 a month, returned a bag containing Rs 90,000 cash to its rightful owner here on Monday. "Honesty is ingrained

here as an organisational value. SPO Umar Mushtaq posted at Qamarwan today returned a bag containing Rs 90,000 cash to its rightful owner Abdul Aziz Mallah of Palpora (Noorbagh), Kashmir Zone Police (Home) Arvind Kumar said. "A number of versions have come out...magisterial and judicial probe is on. It will come in the probe report". Also commenting on a couple of photographs showing Bajrangji being

The SPO, who found the bag, informed his superior officer who, in turn, ensured that it is returned to its owner after proper verification. "Honesty is the rarest wealth anyone can possess. Hats off to Umar Mushtaq of @Jm&KPolice who found a bag containing Rs 90k at Qamarwari (Srinagar) and then returned it to owner Abdul Aziz Mallah, a former employee of SMC. It was his superannuation savings," a twitter user wrote. The police department also posted about

another incident in which a constable returned a bag containing valuables and Rs 21,000 cash to an Amarnath pilgrim. "Sgt Farooq Ahmad, operator with Principal PTS Manigam, handing over a bag containing some valuables and Rs 21,000 cash to Venkatesavar Rao R/O district Gunter Tamil Nadu. The couple had lost the bag in Manigam base camp while returning back from Amarnath Yatra," the police tweeted.

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